

University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law - 2025 Standard 509 Information Report

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The Basics

Type of school	Public
Application deadline	Priority deadline: March 1, 2026 Applications accepted through July 1, 2026
Application fee	\$60
Financial aid deadline	March 1, 2026

2025 First Year Class (Oct 6th 2024-Oct 5th 2025)

Completed Applications	2114
Offers of Admission	632
Acceptance Rate (Percent)	29.90%
Enrollees from Applicant pool	215
Enrollment Rate from Completed Applications	10.17%
Enrollment Rate from Offers of Admission	34.02%
Enrollees who deferred admission from a previous year and were not part of the current-year applicant pool	6

1L Tuition and Fees 2025 - 2026

Per Annual:	Resident	Annual Fees	Non-Resident	Annual Fees	Other	Annual Fees
Full-Time	\$20,322	\$3,700	\$38,100	\$3,700	\$29,538	\$3,700
Part-Time	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Per Credit:	Resident	Annual Fees	Non-Resident	Annual Fees	Other	Annual Fees
Full-Time	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Part-Time	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Tuition Guarantee Program			N			

	All	Full Time	Part Time
Total in First-year class	221	221	0
UGPA	All	Full Time	Part Time
75th Percentile	3.86	3.86	0.00
50th Percentile	3.67	3.67	0.00
25th Percentile	3.43	3.43	0.00
# not included in UGPA calculation*	1	1	0

*Matriculants who attended an undergraduate institution without a numerical grading system and matriculants who were fully or partially internationally educated may not have comparable UGPAs.

Living Expenses 2025-2026

Estimated Living Expenses for single students	
Living on Campus	\$25,392
Living Off Campus	\$25,392
Living on a Military Base	N/A
Living At Home	\$16,846

LSAT	All	Full Time	Part Time
LSAT Admissions Enrollees	218	218	0
75th Percentile	164	164	0
50th Percentile	162	162	0
25th Percentile	160	160	0

Academic Calendar

Term	Semesters
Months students may begin studying law	August
Months the Law School confers degrees	May/August/December
# of credit hours required to earn the JD	90

NON-LSAT, GRE OR JDNEXT	All	Full Time	Part Time
NON-LSAT, GRE OR JDNEXT Admissions Enrollees	3	3	0

Under ABA Standard 503, law schools are required to use a valid and reliable admission test to help assess an applicant's preparedness for the study of law. Because schools may choose what admission tests they will consider for admission, this section may look different for individual law schools. Only law schools with a variance from Standard 503 allowing them to use JD Next are able to report JD Next scores. Test score data for first year enrollees is presented for each type of test accepted by the law school, with one exception: where the number of students who were accepted using a particular test is fewer than 10, score percentile data is collected but not published in order to protect student privacy. In all other cases, statistical data will be presented for each test that is accepted by the particular law school. The UGPA data is aggregated across the law school's entire first year class, regardless of admission test.

In the 2025 questionnaire, law schools were given the opportunity to state whether their ability to report required demographic information was limited by university policy, or state or federal law. Depending on the individual school, there may be notable changes from prior years' data. The data reported are submitted by law schools to the Council, so all inquiries regarding a school's information should be directed to the law school.

Curricular Offerings 2024-2025

Excluding Legal Research & Writing, number of first-year course sections with an enrollment

Under 25	0
25 to 49	0
50 to 74	5
75 to 99	13
100 +	1

*The detailed breakdown of first-year course sections by enrollment replaces "average first-year section size" from previous years' 509 reports.

Number of course titles, beyond the first year curriculum, offered last year 145

Number of upper division class room course sections with an enrollment:

Under 25	122
25 to 49	31
50 to 74	17
75 to 99	1
100 +	0

Number of seats available in law clinics last year 56

Number of law clinic seats filled last year 47

Number of field placements positions filled last year 78

Number of of seats available in simulation courses 687

Number of of seats filled in simulation courses 597

Number of co-curricular offerings 7

Faculty Resources 2024-2025

	Male	Female	Another Gender Identity	Prefer Not to Report	People of Color	Total
Full-time faculty members	31	29	0	0	9	60
Non-full-time faculty	51	26	0	0	16	77
Total	82	55	0	0	25	137
	Full Time		Part Time		Total	
Librarians	7		0			7

J.D. Degrees Awarded 2024-2025

Hispanics of any race	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	3
Black or African American	15
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiracial	5
Total People of Color	35
White	144
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	11
Total	190

Conditional Scholarships 2024-2025

The school does not award scholarships that may be reduced or eliminated based on law school academic performance other than failure to maintain good academic standing. Therefore, the school does not complete a 'conditional scholarship retention chart.'

Grants and Scholarships 2024-2025

	Total		Full Time		Part Time	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total # of students	628	100	628	100	0	0
Total # receiving grants	565	90	565	90	0	
Less than 1/2 tuition	381	61	381	61	0	
Half to full tuition	160	25	160	25	0	
Full tuition	7	1	7	1	0	
More than full tuition	17	3	17	3	0	
75th Percentile grant amount				\$18,000		\$0
50th Percentile grant amount				\$12,562		\$0
25th Percentile grant amount				\$8,000		\$0

The term "full tuition scholarships" refers to scholarships that cover tuition and mandatory fees. The term "more than full tuition" refers to scholarships that cover more than tuition and mandatory fees.

J.D Enrollment as of October 5th 2025

	JD1					JD2					JD3					JD4					Total	
	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	
Hispanics of any race	12	7	5	0	0	11	5	6	0	0	12	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Asian	6	5	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Black or African American	7	3	4	0	0	10	6	4	0	0	14	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multiracial	10	3	7	0	0	14	7	7	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Total People of Color	35	18	17	0	0	37	18	19	0	0	35	16	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107
White	176	100	76	0	0	168	82	86	0	0	162	83	78	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	506
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	16	7	9	0	0	14	11	3	0	0	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Total	227	125	102	0	0	219	111	108	0	0	203	104	98	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	649

Since reports in 2024, "US nonresident" is no longer a separate category, and nonresidents have been added in the appropriate race/ethnicity and gender categories.

Academic Attrition 2024-2025

	JD1						JD2					JD3					JD4					UL	
	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%	
Hispanics of any race	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Black or African American	2	2	0	0	0	18.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Multiracial	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total People of Color	2	2	0	0	0	5.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
White	3	2	1	0	0	2.0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	1	1	0	0	0	8.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	6	5	1	0	0	3.0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0

Academic attrition refers to those students who discontinued their education at a time when they were not in good academic standing as defined by the Law School. It includes both students who have been dismissed because they did not satisfy the minimum standards of progress established by the Law School to continue their legal studies at that school, and students who discontinued their enrollment at the school at a time when their GPA was below that required for good academic standing as of the end of the first year.

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Other Attrition 2024-2025

	JD1						JD2					JD3					JD4					UL	
	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%	
Hispanics of any race	1	1	0	0	0	8.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Black or African American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Multiracial	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total People of Color	1	1	0	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
White	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	2	2	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

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Transfers 2024-2025	
JD1 Transfers Out	4
Transfers In*	3
75th Percentile JD1 GPA	N/A
50th Percentile JD1 GPA	N/A
25th Percentile JD1 GPA	N/A

*GPA Percentiles provided if School has 12 or more transfers in. If more than 5 but less than 12 transfers in only 50th percentile will be provided.